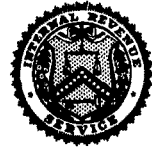


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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX DIVISION



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Industry Circular No. 61-12

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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE CONCENTRATION AND RECONSTITUTION OF BEER

Brewers and others concerned:

Purpose. This circular is issued to (1) furnish information regarding the public hearings held on March 21-22, 1961, on proposals relating to the concentration and reconstitution of beer, and (2) announce that these public hearings will be continued on September 6, 1961.

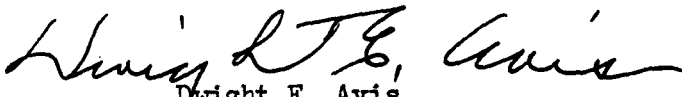
Background. Three notices were published in the Federal Register of December 28, 1960, concerning proposed amendments to regulations in 26 CFR Part 245, Beer; 26 CFR Part 252, Exportation of Liquors; and 27 CFR Part 7, Labeling and Advertising of Malt Beverages, respectively. These notices supplied the text of proposed amendments relating to the concentration and reconstitution of beer and set the time and place of the March hearings mentioned above. Industry Circular No. 60-48, dated December 28, 1960, was issued in further explanation of the proposals and of the hearings.

Information about the March 1961 sessions of hearings. Testimony and exhibits were offered at the March 21-22, 1961, sessions of the hearings by both proponents and opponents. Copies of the transcript of the testimony, including questions asked of witnesses and their answers thereto, are for sale by the official reporters for the hearings — Ward & Paul, Inc., 1760 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. The transcript runs to 228 pages and is for sale to interested persons at fifty cents (\$0.50) per page. Toward the end of the sessions, several requests were made that the hearings be continued at a later date so that brewers and others concerned would have more time for further study and evaluation of the proposals.

Continuance of hearings and further opportunity for written comments. The hearings will be resumed on Wednesday, September 6, 1961, at 10:00 a.m., e.s.t., in Room 3313, Internal Revenue Building, Twelfth Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C., at which time and place all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to

be heard, in person or by authorized representative, with reference to the proposals. Before final action on the proposed regulations, consideration will also be given to comments and suggestions pertaining thereto which are submitted in writing, in duplicate, to the Director, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Internal Revenue Service, Washington 25, D. C., before the termination of the hearings. Persons who plan to attend the hearings on September 6, 1961, should notify the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Attention: O:AT, Washington 25, D. C., as soon as possible but before August 28, 1961, in order that they will not be disappointed as to being seated.

Inquiries. Inquiries regarding this circular should refer to its number and be addressed to: Director, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Internal Revenue Service, Washington 25, D. C., Attention: O:AT:PP.


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